

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Ray L. Trotman, Treasurer Clarke for Congress 111-36 200th Street Hollis, NY 11412

Response Due Date: January 5, 2009

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Reference:

October Quarterly Report (8/21/08 - 9/30/08)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action. Additional information is needed for the following 3 items:

1. Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions received after the primary election that are designated for the primary (see attached). These contributions may only be accepted to the extent that the committee has net debts outstanding from the primary election. For more information on how to calculate net debts outstanding, please see page 25 of the Campaign Guide for Congressional Candidates and Committees, which is available online at http://www.fec.gov/pdf/candgui.pdf. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3)(i))

A contribution is considered made when the contributor relinquishes control over the contribution. A contributor shall be considered to have relinquished control over the contribution when it is delivered to the candidate, when it is delivered to an authorized committee of the candidate, or to an agent of an authorized committee of the candidate. A contribution that is mailed to any of the aforementioned recipients will be considered made on the date of the postmark. Envelopes should be retained for the committee's records. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(6))

If any contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly reported, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.